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MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Persons

FROM: Jeffery P. Zaring, Chief of Staff

RE: High School Diploma for Honorably Discharged Veterans

DATE: September 20, 2006

Honorably discharged veterans of World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict, and the Vietnam Conflict, who did not receive high school diplomas because they joined the military before graduating, may receive a high school diploma pursuant to Indiana Code 20-20-7.

An "eligible veteran" is an individual who:

(1) Served as a member of the armed forces of the United States at any time during at least one of the following periods:

- (A) Beginning April 6, 1917, and ending November 11, 1918 (World War I).
- (B) Beginning December 7, 1941, and ending December 31, 1946 (World War II).
- (C) Beginning June 27, 1950, and ending January 31, 1955 (Korean Conflict).
- (D) Beginning August 5, 1964, and ending May 7, 1975 (Vietnam Conflict).

(2) Before the military service described in subdivision (1):

- (A) attended a public or nonpublic high school in Indiana; and
- (B) was a student in good standing at the high school described in clause (A), to the satisfaction of the department of veterans' affairs.

(3) Did not graduate or receive a diploma because of leaving the high school described in subdivision (2) for the military service described in subdivision (1).

(4) Was honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States.

An application for a diploma may be submitted by an eligible veteran or a surviving spouse or relative of a deceased veteran. The application is submitted to the Indiana Department of Veteran's Affairs. The application is forwarded to the Department of Education after review by the Department of Veteran's Affairs.

Depending upon the request of the applicant, the Department of Education will either forward the application to the school corporation or issue a diploma from the State Board of Education. No fee may be charged to process an application or to award the diploma. School corporations are encouraged, but not required, to hold a ceremony to present the diploma. The Department and the State Board of Education have designed a unique commemorative diploma that a governing body may choose to issue under the program. To obtain a copy of this diploma, please contact Rosanne Russell at 317-232-0533 or by e-mail at russel@doe.state.in.us.

If you have questions, you may contact me at 317-232-6622 or by e-mail at: jzaring@doe.state.in.us.